

# **Speech-Language Pathology Training Program**

**Portland VA Medical Center**

**Portland, Oregon**

**2015-16**

We are now accepting applications for clinical fellow positions for 2015-2016. Applicants should submit a cover letter stating interest and career goals, curriculum vitae, VA forms 306, and Application for Health Trainees (see links below), and three letters of recommendation. One recommendation should be from an academic professor (preferably aphasia, cognitive rehabilitation, motor speech, dysphagia) and two should be from adult clinical rotation supervisors. An academic and clinical professor can speak to both areas, if applicable.

Any students interested in applying should contact Dr. John McDermott, Assistant Chief and Education Coordinator, at 503-273-5323 or by email at [john.mcdermott.va.gov](mailto:john.mcdermott.va.gov).

If you would like clarification or further information on the rotations described below, please contact Dr. Michael Sullivan at 503-220-8262, x33497, or by email at [michael.sullivan6@va.gov](mailto:michael.sullivan6@va.gov).

**Applications will be due by December 15, 2014.** If possible, please mail all application materials in a single packet. If you can scan all documents into a single .pdf file, that is preferred. Only US citizens may apply.

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## **Position Description**

The position is full time (2080 hours) and includes health benefits. The salary stipend is ~\$40,919.00 (allocation for 2015-16 have not been set). Sick leave, vacation, and health benefits are included with the position.

Clinical Fellows complete the following four, 3 month, rotations with three separate mentors (not necessarily in the order listed). Although there is some overlap in training, each of the first three rotations provides a primary area of emphasis. Students are provided with required readings on advanced topics and attend various colloquia, symposiums and seminars.

We provide training in a) fluoroscopic evaluation of swallowing and FEES, b) evaluation of voice with the use the Kay voice analysis system, direct and fiberoptic laryngoscopy, and stroboscopy, c) evaluation and treatment for the use of trachea-esophageal speaking valves, d) evaluation of cognition and language, and e) evaluation and implementation of AAC devices and cognitive prosthetics.

We require each CFY to develop and present a presentation on a topic of their choice, either to our internal staff, or to one of the interdisciplinary teams. Observation, didactic teaching, and supervision are provided throughout each rotation with the goal of progressively weaning the student toward independence. In addition to daily ongoing feedback, each student meets with their mentor weekly to discuss the student's progress along with any other issues of concern.

- Rotation 1: ENT-including Head & Neck Surgery (SICU) and the Outpatient Voice Clinic; Outpatient Dysphagia Clinic 1; General Medicine Teams 1-5; Medical/Surgical Intensive Care Unit; Outpatient Speech-Language Clinic 1
  - Primary emphasis of training: Evaluation and treatment of voice, speech, and swallowing impairments, in particular for individuals with head and neck cancer.
- Rotation 2: General Medicine Teams 1-5; Neurology; Psychiatry; Surgical Intensive Care Unit-excluding Head and Neck Cancer; Aphasia Treatment; Outpatient Cognitive Rehabilitation, Outpatient Speech-Language Clinic 2 ; Outpatient Dysphagia Clinic 2
  - Primary emphasis of training: Evaluation and treatment of acute cognitive or linguistic impairment. Outpatient Cognitive Rehabilitation, including polytrauma.
- Rotation 3: Community Living Center, Vancouver Campus. This includes the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Unit, Skilled Nursing Care Unit, Long-term care, Hospice and Palliative care; Outpatient Cognitive Rehabilitation, including Polytrauma.
  - Primary emphasis of training: Evaluation and treatment of speech, linguistic, or cognitive impairment for both inpatient and outpatient clinics.
- Rotation 4: Each fellow will spend one month at each of the first three rotation sites.
  - Primary emphasis of training: This is a final rotation in which the clinical fellows are expected to function with minimal supervision.